

# **Alaska Selection Process**

## **National Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program**

### **2012-2013**

**Alaska will identify Title I schools eligible for nomination according to the following criteria:**

- Title I school (either schoolwide or targeted assistance) with poverty rate of at least 35% or higher in 2012-2013.
- May not have received Title I Distinguished School or Blue Ribbon Schools national recognition in previous two school years.
- Meets or exceeds AYP for both testing years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
- Tested at least 20 students for school as a whole.

***For Exceptional Student Performance for two or more years:***

- Rank in top 10% of Title I schools that made AYP for both years.
- Maintained or grew in % proficient or advanced for LA and/or Math; did not decline more than 3% in other subject.

***For Closing the Achievement Gap between Student Groups:***

- Showed growth in LA and/or Math performance and no decline in the other subject in one or more of the following subgroups from 2010 to 2011 and from 2011 to 2012 test administrations:
  - Economically disadvantaged, Alaska Native, LEP, or students with disabilities.
  - Subgroup included at least 20 full academic year students tested.

The state contacts each school identified to determine whether the school would like to apply to participate in the National Recognition Program. To apply, the school must –

- **Complete a Title I Distinguished Schools Application Form providing evidence of effectiveness in the following areas:**
  - Research-based instructional strategies
  - Providing opportunities for all children to achieve
  - Coordination of Title I with other programs
  - Professional development
  - Partnerships with parents/families/communities
  - Leadership
- **Complete a School Description**
- **Agree to a virtual site visit through audio or videoconference**

School applications will be reviewed and will receive one of the following ratings in each category: **Exemplary, High Evidence, Moderate Evidence, or No Evidence**

Only schools that receive ratings of “Exemplary” or “High Evidence” in each of the categories may be nominated for national recognition.

**Each school nominated by EED for national recognition will be invited to attend the Title I National Conference.**